

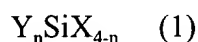
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 9, as follows. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A resin composition comprising a resin and a silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate,

wherein the resin is thermoplastic polyester, and the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate is prepared by introducing an organo-silane compound represented by a general formula (1):



(where n is an integer from 0 to 3; Y is a hydrocarbon group with 1 to 25 carbons; the hydrocarbon group may have a substituent(s); X is a hydrolyzable group or hydroxyl group; n Ys may be the same type or different types; and (4-n) Xs may be the same type or different types) into a swellable silicate, and wherein at least one of the following conditions (a) and (b) is satisfied:

(a) an average layer thickness of the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate is 500 Å or less; and

(b) [N] value is 30 or more (where the [N] value is defined as the number of particles per a unit weight ratio of the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate contained in an area of 100 μm² of the resin composition) and an average aspect ratio is 10 to 300 (where the average aspect ratio is defined as an average of a ratio of a layer length to a layer thickness of the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate),

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and wherein at least one of the following conditions (i) to (iii) is further satisfied:

(i) a difference ($\eta_e - 3\eta$) between an extensional viscosity η_e and the triple value of a shear viscosity η of the resin composition is 300 Pa·s or more at a temperature of 280°C and a rate of strain of 100 (1/s);

(ii) between a rate of strain of 100 (1/s) and a rate of strain of 1000 (1/s), a difference ($\Delta\eta_e$) of values of the extensional viscosity η_e of the resin composition at a temperature of 280°C is 500 Pa·s or more; and

(iii) a product $J_{e0}\eta_0$ of equilibrium compliance J_{e0} and zero shear viscosity η_0 of the resin composition at a temperature of 280°C is 0.8 seconds or more.

Claim 2 (Original): A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the resin is a polycarbonate.

Claim 3 (Original): A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the resin is a polyarylate.

Claim 4 (Original): A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the resin is a thermoplastic polyester.

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Claim 5 (Original): A resin composition according to claim 4, wherein all the conditions (i) to (iii) are satisfied.

Claim 6 (Original): A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the average layer thickness of the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate is 500 Å or less and the maximum layer thickness is 2000 Å or less.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): A resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the [N] value is 45 or more.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): A resin composition according to claim 6, wherein the average aspect ratio is 15 to 300.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A method for producing a resin composition according to claim 1, comprising the steps of:

(A) preparing a clay dispersion including the silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate and a dispersion medium;

(B) adding the clay dispersion to a polymerizable prepolymer continuously or sequentially over time at the rate of 0.01 to 10.0 parts by weight per minute for 100 parts by weight of the

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polymerizable prepolymer and mixing the polymerizable prepolymer and the clay dispersion; and

(C) forming the resin by polymerizing the polymerizable prepolymer,

wherein the clay dispersion comprises a dispersion medium containing water in the step (A).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): A producing method according to claim 9, wherein a basal spacing of silane-treated foliated phyllosilicate of the clay dispersion prepared in the step (A) is three times or more larger than the initial basal spacing of the swellable silicate.

Claim 11 (Original): A resin composition according to claim 1, wherein the resin composition is for an injection molding.

Claim 12 (Original): A resin composition according to claim 11, wherein the resin is a thermoplastic polyester.